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## Remarks

Applicant appreciates the attention of the Examiner to the application. The Office communication of October 5, 2004 has been reviewed with care in the preparation of this response.

Claims 1-47 were pending and subject to an election of species requirement by the Examiner pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant elects Species I (FIG. 1). Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-14, 20-24, 27-31, 36-38, and 41-44 are believed to read on this elected species. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 20-24, 28, 36-38, and 41 are considered generic. Claims 3, 5, 15-19, 25, 26, 32-35, 39, 40, 45-47 are withdrawn subject to this election as reading upon additional, patentably distinct species.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such would be helpful in resolving any issue that might remain. If any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 10-0270 and inform the undersigned.

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